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**THE PRIZE OPTIMIST.**

We have numerous classy little optimists in the sovereign state of New Mexico. We have men who can see the silver lining of a cloud which has no lining at all; men who can see the benignant sun shining effusively at the dusky hour of midnight; men who can discover melody in a set of bagpipes who can put coal hills with a happy smile, who can grin at the engineer as the train runs over their legs, or look upon a Democrat and believe that this man had no hunger for any kind of an office.

There are men who look forward with perennial and serene confidence to the long expected revelation of the identity of the person the impact of whose clenched digits proved so disastrous upon the features of the late lamented Billy Patterson. We know persons who believe that the cost of living is going to drop, that the war in Mexico is going to stop, that women's girdles will become semi-civilized, that the Federals are going to put a crippl in the big leagues, that the railroads are going to restore tree passes, that the time will come when business men go into politics, that William Jennings Bryan will be elected president and that George Washington Warde will become Dog-Catcher Emeritus; when Colonel Sellers will enter the ministry, when Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will enter a convent and a southern postmaster will enter a protest against increase in salary.

Oh, there are optimists in this world; wonderable, incorrigible, irrepressible optimists; optimists who will not down, in whose human breast Hope springs eternal, as the spring of an eight-day clock.

But when it comes to looking on the bright side of things we have an Optimist in the city of Santa Fe who has them all looking like the man who put the hypo in hypochondriac. His name is W. C. McDonald, and he starts off a review of New Mexico's progress in a railroad publication as follows:

"New Mexico is rounding out its second year as a state. We have met our financial obligations promptly and everything is in good order, notwithstanding sensational reports to the contrary."

Gentlemen, we will ask you all to remain in your seats while the travaying auditor brings forward a large and handsome medal for presentation to our optimistic Executive.

**DID YOU EVER SPLIT YOUR INFINITIVE?**

Attention, children. Is the following sentence good English? "Plans will soon be submitted to more than double the size of the building."

"Certainly not," answers a great grammarian. "It is an obvious transgression of rhetorical propriety. Why, why, sir, it is a split infinitive!"

"What if it is?" retorts a rough-and-ready writer with fire in his blood and brimstone in his liver. "Isn't it the shortest, simplest, easiest way of saying what you want to say? It's useful English at least."

"Excuse me from such arguments," pleads the innocent bystander. "I never did see no sense in grammar nowhere."

So run those merry, intermittent little wars over our parts of speech. The offending sentence we quoted slipped from a journal that is particularly conscientious in matters linguistic; and forthwith came a flurry of protest from its nice readers. The editorial defense of the journal under indictment (it was the New York Times) is noteworthy:

"Some of us regard the putting of any word or words between the parts of an infinitive as a sin, if not quite mortal, yet black enough to leave an almost infelicitous stain on the writer's reputation."

"But infinitives are for use, not for worship, and when lucidity is to be obtained, vigor of expression to be increased, or even a judicious convenience to be served, morality and good taste alike justify a splitting. There is, indeed, hardly a 'best writer' in whose works cannot be found a few examples of this bitterly reproached division, and even though they be explained as 'How-to-nods,' the lesson is still the same. There are some sentences where the only escape from dividing the infinitive lies in a rather unworthy evasion or setting around of a problem that demands from our-

age and conscientiousness a straightforward solving."

It has frequently been observed that Mr. Roosevelt's speeches and writings are punctiliously free from the split infinitive, while President Wilson has the happy gift of always avoiding it without apparent effort or design. Mr. Taft's messages on the contrary, bristled with split infinitives, and so do the decisions of the supreme court. There are sticklers who would as lief split their own ears lobes as split an infinitive. They are of the same company as the man who would regard himself disgraced should he end a sentence with a preposition, the man whose stylistic morality never abates. It would be wholesome exercise for such persons to have a cord of infinitives dumped before them and fail to splitting with the jaggedest ax they could come upon; for, to never forget rhetorical proprieties is one way never to be easy and natural.

**THE UPLIFT IN FARMINGTON.**

The growing little city of Farmington, in one of the garden spots of New Mexico—the fertile valley of the San Juan—is setting a worthy example to other cities in the state, including Albuquerque, in the perfecting of an organization called "The Uplift," for the incubation of civic pride and for the beautification of the town. The best men and women in the town are participating in the Uplift movement. "Can Farmington Be Made the City Beautiful of the Western Slope and How?" was the topic discussed at a recent largely attended meeting at which aide papers were read and practical plans discussed for the improvement of the appearance of the town.

Regular meetings are to be held and the women of Farmington are preparing to give a big dinner, the proceeds to be used in city beautification and general improvement of conditions. The Farmington "Enterprise" says in an account of the meeting last week:

"The Uplift movement is arousing an interest in things civic and social in Farmington that augurs well for the future of the town, as it is proving to be the long-needed medium of getting all classes of our folks together under one roof at one time with one purpose, namely, for the betterment of Farmington and Farmington people."

Good work. And in this connection we are reminded that we have heard little recently of the Civ.-Improv. society of Albuquerque which in former years has done public spirited and efficient work in this regard.

**SAFETY AT SEA.**

In the International Congress on Safety at Sea the spokesman of American ideas played a particularly influential part. They won over the European delegates to a plan of government control of wireless telegraphy as it is employed in maritime affairs, and their views in regard to life-saving equipment, though not wholly accepted, added much to the scope and thoroughness of the congress' recommendations. It was agreed that two-thirds of such equipment on every ocean steamship shall consist of lifeboats; that greatly reduces the proportion of rafts heretofore permitted. In other respects the insistence of the Americans upon rigid regulations for sea safety prevailed, so that the world will be much indebted to this country for whatever reforms are established.

The International Congress having now concluded its work, it remains for the United States to adopt, in so far as they are practicable, the recommendations offered. There is reason to hope that other governments will do likewise and that in the future ocean traffic will be subject to adequate measures of international protection. The grim lesson of the Titanic and the later warnings from the Volturno leave no ground for hesitancy or delay in adopting and enforcing stringent laws for the safety of life at sea.

**USEFUL.**

The Herald acknowledges with thanks the receipt from the State Corporation Commission of a fine large railroad map of New Mexico prepared under the direction of the commission and the first, accurate and reliable railroad map of the state we have ever had the pleasure of inspecting. The map is complete in every detail, showing railroads completed and under way, with all the stations; a big, clear, graphic map which will be immensely useful in this office as in every other office in the state. The commission has quite an achievement to its credit in publishing this splendid map and it will fit long fasten throughout the state.

"Generally debilitated for years Had sick headache, lacked ambition, was worn out and all run down. Burdock Blood Bitters made me a well woman."—Mrs. Chas. Prentiss, Moulton, Conn.

Trimble's Avery, 211 W. Copper.

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**JABS IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS**

BY YON YONSON.

WELLS, If the Consumer is to be blamed for the high cost of living, we think he has already been punished enough.

UNCLE Joe Cannon is pushing, no doubt over the voluntary retirement of Uncle Joe Chamberlain.

SALUTE.

My song's to a man whose identity's gone—

Whose achievements than these was much higher;

I refer to the guy who in some early dawn

Discovered the way to make fire.

—Johnston Democrat.

I admit I admire the guy who made fire,

I am with you on that, you may take it;

But a greater, I'm bound, was the guy that found

A good way to make his wife make it.

—Houston Post.

We sing with ire the degenerate Bar,

The sinister, ghoulish bad man

Who said it was safe to encourage fire.

With a devilish Kerosene Can.

BUMDRUM.

Huerta has

Not down the road,

Beachy still

Can loop the loop,

Villa's after

Crocozo

Cross the plains

Of Mexico;

Lind has not

Turned loose his law,

We still hear

From Mrs. Thaw,

As she dines

Into our ears

All the tide

Of all her fears,

Looking 'round

With frightened eyes

For a chance

To advertise

All things go

The same old ways,

Nothing happens

Nowadays.

—Judd Lewis.

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WE NOTE a press dispatch which tells of a lady who wishes to run for congress, saying that "her husband is willing." We don't know the circumstances but we have a suspicion that he better be.

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HAVING been there much a short time, it is difficult to understand Banker Morse's indignation at being put in prison.

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A STREET CAR passenger in Tarrytown found himself without fare, but upon finding in his basket a newly laid egg, he offered it to the conductor for transportation and it was accepted. This would be handy if adopted by the pay-as-you-enter car system. There would be no bother about having the exact change.

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OUR WALL STREET COLUMN.

(From Lips.)

Mr. Herbert Hobbleton, head of the firm of Hobbleton, Fleecum & Co., bought a new 50-cent cravat yesterday.

A stranger from the west wandered into the street this morning and

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WE HOPE Cole will please cut H. O.

LET US investigate Murphy's cigar money.

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NEW YORK must have her sad, Now it's inditing Tammany.

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WHO WAS that large person who got up and went out when Valerie poged?

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EXIT near-Humorist.

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I have not attempted to figure yet.

It may be the chicken has eaten enough bugs and grasshoppers to pay for the feed it has consumed.

It's a hard problem and I leave it to the farmer's wife.

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"The taxable value being the sale value of the finished product less the cost of production, it should be easy for the farmer's wife to figure the taxes she owes on her chickens."

"But suppose the farmer ate the original egg? What would happen then?" Daly was asked.

"That's easy. The same rules will apply. But business is prosp.

"I must go now and figure up the average monthly earnings of a Shanghai rooster during his fiscal year."

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AN ELECTRIC HIGH SCHOOL

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The influence which the large number of school-trained children in the Philippines will have on the political body of the country is great. In no less degree than the boys do the girls contribute to the general intelligence of the country, though they do not become voters.

In that rapidly developing country, a primary graduate—as soon as he becomes of age—should possess such educational qualifications as may enable him to meet the requirements for becoming a voter. Intermediate graduates should, in view of their greater opportunity for study, be qualified for leadership in their respective communities. High school graduates, even if they do not continue their studies in the university, are educationally qualified for leadership in a rather broad way.

The influence of the public schools is even now being felt in governmen-

**Changeable Climate****IS A CONSTANT THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE.**

Dr. Hartman, of Columbus, Ohio, discusses an important health topic. He says:

Yes, it is the climate, not the germs, that we have to fear in this country. The germs are present, to be sure, and are of some significance in diagnosis. Climate, a changeable climate, is the true cause of disease. The atmospheric pressure varies, the humidity of the atmosphere changes. Every day the temperature rises and falls. All this presents to the body very great trials to adjust to.

The area of high pressure forms in the northwest. Moves rapidly southeast, subjecting millions of our population to its influence. The result is, thousands upon thousands of people catch cold. A small per cent. of these thousands do not get well of their cold. It goes into pneumonia, or chronic catarrh, or bronchitis, or laryngitis, or pleurisy.

Now, what I am getting at is this. These climatic changes are inevitable. No one can prevent them. The very best we can do is to prepare for them, defend ourselves against them.

Good health is the best preventive. The very best. Vigorous health, with excess vitality, this is Nature's own preventive.

We do not all have this, however. Some of us must have assistance. The assistance that I use for myself, would recommend for my friends to use, my neighbors and my countrymen, is Pe-ru-na. Keep Pe-ru-na in the house.

If the children indicate they are catching cold, give them Pe-ru-na.

If the parents, the grandfather or grandmother, present those symptoms that are so well known which precede a cold, a few doses of Pe-ru-na and the deed is done.

Some people are very subject to colds. Others who have weak lungs and are timid about our winter weather, take Pe-ru-na off and on during the whole winter season.

The plan is a good one. The medicine is inexpensive. It does no possible harm to the system. It keeps the appetite regular and keen. It assists digestion and helps the user through the inclement weather of winter.

Making a grand total of \$80,000.00. In case we keep them there for a year or so, the prospect moves one to ask Uncle Sam if we couldn't make use of that money to better advantage at home.

WHILE Cost-of-Living

Fills our cup,

The baseball stars

Are signing up.

STABILIZER for the aeroplane.

Now one for the aviator.</p